

Red Rock Indian Band

Co-Design of the Collaborative Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nations Citizenship

January 13, 16 & February 1, 2018



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Executive Summary:

The Red Rock Indian Band Co-Design of the Collaborative Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nations Citizenship Three (3) Engagements were held on January 13, at the Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay, ON, January 16, at the Nipigon Arena Multi-purpose room, Nipigon, ON and on February 5, at the Red Rock Indian Band, Resource Centre. The engagements all began with an opening prayer and smudge that was offered by Elder Terry Bouchard and Marilyn Netemegetic who also provided a closing prayer. Food and drinks were provided to participants. A welcome was provided by Kirstine Baccar, Superior Strategies who was contracted to facilitate the events.

Kirstine facilitated introductions and an overview of the Agenda.

Kirstine presented the Co- Design of the Collaborative Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nations Citizenship. With Marjorie Robert, Membership Clerk, for the Red Rock Indian Band providing answers to questions from participants.

Marjorie and Kirstine presented the questions that were formulated and had participants answer and provide comments to these questions.

Many questions and comments from delegates were had from the presentation and are highlighted below.

Attendance lists are attached from each of the three (3) sessions.

Presentations & Facilitation

Presentation, Facilitation of questions delivered by Kirstine Baccar, Superior Strategies and Marjorie Robert, Membership Clerk, Red Rock Indian Band



Appendix 1

Engagement Session 1 – Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay – January 13, 2018

Questions:

1. What is the best way for our concerns to be addressed with INAC?

Red Rock Indian Band's process needs to be presented to INAC. 2/3 majority vote of the people present is RRIB's custom voting practice, in which we follow our Band Custom. This must be accepted by INAC.

It was also stated, that RRIB will do whatever it takes to inform and take into consideration their members from all over the world, by having mail outs, providing an email and connecting through our website to ensure we have met our due diligence when it comes to engaging our people.

INAC should also be educated on our history, customs, traditions etc. Send a motion to INAC through court system to inform them of our band custom and the 2/3 majority of the people present at the meeting.

2. How will the consultations be delivered?

Consultations will be done through regional sessions, calls, internet (website and email) and through mail outs. RRIB will get as much participation from their people as possible. They will also dedicate someone central to collect that data. History on where we come from needs to be provided to our people.

3. What issues should be discussed and addressed? What issues are important to our people?

What percentage of non-status people living on-reserve will change the reserve into a municipality? Marjorie stated she heard it is 45%

Blood Quantum

Impact on our membership

Control over our own membership

The term “citizenship” issue

Adoption – accepting of adoption of those of legal age of 18

Adequate funding and time to implement

Enfranchisement

CIS expiry dates

Voluntary de-registration – personal preference – deciding to come leave and come back

4. What activities can be done so that all have input in these consultations?

Same process as the OPG Settlement

Online process, website, survey, email address to send feedback to.

Put a person in place to collect all information

Phone calls one on one

Engagement Sessions

Provide transportation

Host meetings on weekends to allow people with jobs an opportunity to participate.

Appendix 2

**Engagement Session 2 – Nipigon Arena
Multi-Purpose Room, Nipigon, ON –
January 16, 2018**

Questions:

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Follow same process as TRC and the recommendations. Stated this and that process is not related.

Bring to the people of our community through these kinds of sessions and have our membership clerk bring to INAC through reports.

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Video conferencing or live feed to members from all over the world.

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We need to keep all of this in mind for the future of our next 7 generations.

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Engagement Sessions

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Host meetings on weekends to allow people with jobs an opportunity to participate.

Fly members in – discussion on the cost to do that.

Appendix 3

**Engagement Session III – Resource Centre,
Red Rock Indian Band, ON – February 1,
2018**

Questions:

**1. What is the best way for our concerns to be addressed with INAC?
Meet with INAC directly, face to face.**

**2. How will the consultations be delivered?
Consultations will be done through regional sessions, calls, internet (website and email) and through mail outs. RRIB will get as much participation from their people as possible. They will also dedicate someone central to collect that data.**

Door to door for those who require help in filling out surveys.

Video conferencing or live feed to members from all over the world.

Social media, radio broadcasting.

Develop packages for those who want hard copies, packages that can be sent and done electronically and packages that can be done door to door.

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Additional Comments from all 3 Sessions

Before we decide how to move forward, we need to know where we come from.

Our status numbers were given to us by government for control over our people and this process is one of genocide.

We need to look after our seven generations into the future and should have lawyers look into this to protect ourselves.

Does the membership code need to come first?

Will we be able to control our own membership?

What is the double mother clause?

I'm glad to hear that a national membership code is being developed. I use the word "national", because we are a nation. Using the Indian Act model (colonialist model), i.e., sections 6(1) and 6(2), is a fast route to extinction. Best of luck on this very important endeavor. Our continued existence depends on it.

First Nations are the only people who have to prove that they are First Nation. If you are Irish, your Irish, whether you have a pinch of blood or a large amount.

The Indian Act has to change. We need to get as much information, dates on when status' were lost, sold, taken away, get a lawyer – submit a formal complaint and pound the table, have a strong stance.

We need to educate our members on all of this so they can make informed decisions, especially those who live off reserve.

For the people, there is a loss of who they are, no identity, no heritage.

We need to video document the reporting from these sessions to assist us in archiving these important discussions.

When package goes out, we need to clearly explain what all of this means, have definitions.

Next Steps, Closing & Facilitator Comments:

Attachments:

Lists of people that attended the engagement sessions.